(c) The project envisages installation of 36 units of 25 MW each, totalling 900 MW with expected generation of about 1690 GWH (million units) annually.

(d) No other tidal power projects are under investigation.

(e) On the basis of the December, 1987 level cost of the project, the cost per unit of power is estimated to be around 96 paise/KWH.

Court decisions on drug issues

*376. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of writ petitions filed by drug companies challenging the price fixation orders of the Government under Drugs Prices Control Orders, 1979 and 1987 in different courts;

(b) what are the details of cases where judgements have been delivered and what is the date on which each judgement was delivered;

(c) the cases where his Ministry has implemented the decisions in the judgement; and

(d) the cases in which decisions are still to be implemented and the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) A Statement giving the requisite details is annexed. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 94].

(c) and (d) In the background of the judgements, the follow up action is in progress in respect of cases referred to in reply to Parts (a) and (b) above.

Closure of Titagarh Paper Mill

@ 376-A. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Titagarh Paper Mill No. 3 at Chandwar in Orissa has been closed down for more than one year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of workers rendered unemployed as a result thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to reopen the Mill?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Deteriorating financial position, scarcity of raw materials obsolete equipment and machinery, labour unrest and management problems etc. are the main reasons for the closure of the Mill.

(c) About 1800 workers were directly employed in Mill No. 3 of Titagarh Paper Mill before its closure.

(d) Titagarh Paper Mill is a sick industrial company in terms of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. As required under the Act, the company has made a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in June 1987 Final verdict of the BIFR is awaited.

Drug Production by M / s. Infar

*377. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 820 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what was the production of Metaclopromide by M/s. Infar during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) when and what price was fixed pack-wise and strength-wise of each

@Previously Starred Question 356 transferred from the 25th May, 1990.

formulation of M/s. Infar based on Metaclopromide under DPCO, 1979 and 1987 and at what price each was sold on 15th May, 1990;

(c) whether it is a fact that the company is only producing price decontrolled drugs;

(d) if so, the names of the price decontrolled drugs licensed to M/s. Infar and the capacity sanctioned for each; and

(e) since when the company is not reporting the production of Betamethasone, Dexamethasone and Prednisolone and what action has been taken by his Ministry against the company?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) As per information available from the company production of Metaclopromide was started in 1988-89. The company produced 50 Kgs. in 1988-89 and 206 Kgs. in 1989-90.

(b) Details about the prices fixed for Metaclopromide based formulations under DPCO, 1979/1987 for M/s. Infar Ltd. are being ascertained.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Details of industrial approvals, such as names of companies, drugs licenced and capacities, issued from time to time are published regularly by India Investment Centre in their monthly newsletter copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(e) Of the referred drugs the company is licensed to produce Dexamethasone and Prednisone only. Both these drugs are not being produced by M/s. Infar. No action under law can be taken against a company for not producing a particular drug

Prices of finished medicines based on imported drugs

378. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 713 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import prices of all 50 drugs are much lower than the indigenous prices;

(b) whether it is a fact that the imports of these drugs are much more than the indigenous production;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken the average landed cost of import or indigenous price for working the consumer price of finished medicines based on these drugs; and

(d) what is the policy in this regard and how does that safeguard the interests of consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) A statement giving information to the extent available in respect of domestic production, imports, import prices and indigenous prices is attached. In several instances import prices are more than indigenous prices. [*See* Appendix CLIV Annexure No. 95]

(c) The prices of formulations are based on the indigenous price of bulk drug in respect of formulators who also produce bulk drug whereas in case of other formulators the prices of formulations have been based on either the indigenous notified price or the purchase price.

(d) In order to ensure that the consumer gets the benefit formulation prices would be based on the indigenous price or the purchase price of bulk whichever is lower.

Taking over of sick units by State Government in Tamil Nadu

*379 SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of industrial